

**Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended)                      An isolated polypeptide having ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5 produced by a process comprising:

(a)        culturing a host cell containing a vector comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence:

(i)        as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 4;

(ii)       of a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755; or

(iii)      encoding a polypeptide having ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 5;

under conditions suitable to express the polypeptide; and optionally

(b)        isolating the polypeptide from the culture.

10-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended)                      An isolated polypeptide comprising ~~an~~ the amino acid sequence:

(a)        as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5; or

(b)        encoded by a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755[[:]] , wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5.

14. (Currently amended)                      An isolated polypeptide comprising[[:]]

(a) ~~—an~~ the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6, optionally further comprising an amino-terminal methionine; ~~or~~

(b) ~~—a fragment of at least about 25 amino acid residues, but not more than 80 amino acid residues, of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5.~~

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence:

- (a) as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;
- (b) of a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755[[]] , wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5; or
- (c) encoding a polypeptide having an the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5.

17-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) [A] An isolated fusion polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of either Claim 13 or 14 fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.

47. (Currently amended) The isolated fusion polypeptide of Claim 46, wherein the heterologous amino acid sequence is an IgG constant domain or fragment thereof.

48-56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently amended) A polypeptide produced by a process comprising

- (a) culturing a host cell containing a vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence of a region of the nucleotide sequence of:
  - (i) SEQ ID NO: 4; or
  - (ii) a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755[[]] ,wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes the polypeptide which is produced, and the polypeptide having ~~is a fragment of at least about 25 amino acid residues, but not more than 80 amino acid residues,~~ of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5; under suitable conditions to express the polypeptide; and optionally
- (b) isolating the polypeptide from the culture.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously presented) The polypeptide of either Claim 9 or 57, wherein the host cell is a eukaryotic cell.

60. (Previously presented) The polypeptide of either Claim 9 or 57, wherein the host cell is a prokaryotic cell.

61. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence of a region of the nucleotide sequence of:

(a) SEQ ID NO: 4; or

(b) a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755[[]],

wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide ~~fragment of at least about 25 amino acid residues, but not more than 80 amino acid residues~~ of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5.

62. (Cancelled)